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THE Arboretum society is "keeping shady."

COTTON maintains a slight upward tendency, at 9.25@9.55.

HON. ABRAHAM HEWITT, of New York, is for Cox in preference of RANDALL.

THE Massachusetts Greenback party is yet on deck, and strong enough to get up a split. It takes two to split.

THEY say Senator Dawes is the father of the Massachusetts Republican platform. Then the Massachusetts Republican platform is *nihilus* *illius*.

ASTRONOMERS promise us another comet before Christmas. It is thought to arrive at such a time. They make such elegant Christmas presents. Children cry for them.

DOES Mayor SMITH's veto of the Sunday saloon law force the saloons to keep closed all day, or allow them to keep open all day? The thirsty public demands an answer.

A Washington City young man was fined \$3.00 for kicking a mule. A mule that can't take his own part in a kicking match doesn't merit the protection of the laws.

If the state law declares that saloons shall cease to do business on Sunday, by what authority shall a local council grant them the privilege of keeping open from 2 a. m. to 4 p. m. of that day?

THE pleasant entertainment of the state courts of Missouri have been affording Mr. Frank James is cheap at \$1,375.00, which is the expense of the state, in addition to those of the county, which will amount to \$5,000.

MISSOURI prohibitionists have another lever to prize the whisky men with. A man at Springfield was fooling around a whisky keg, trying to steal a drink, when it exploded and killed him.

TEXAS is overrun with an invasion of Yankees. Twenty years ago we welcomed them "with hospitable hands to bloody graves." Now we banquet them and send them home with dyspepsia. Time is the great avenger.

FOLLOWING upon the failure of ANTHONY & KURT'S St. Louis brewery, comes news of an assignment by the brewing house of TAVARUE & NEWMAX, of Cleveland. And yet beer drinking is increasing in this country.

THE bankers of the country will meet in convention at Louisville, October 10th and 11th. This association represents more capital than any association in the United States, and as "money is power," their deliberations and conclusions will be looked for with interest by the country.

Dismissals of naval and military cadets for hazing are becoming frequent. The service is getting overburdened with West Point and Annapolis graduates, and these dismissals are probably in pursuance of a design to reduce the number of officers to be provided for. Hazing has always been practiced at those institutions, and no notice was taken of it until recently.

With a voting population of 380,000 50,000 sovereigns of Texas were all who took enough interest in public affairs to vote on a proposition of organic amendment. Had the 330,000 who remained away been forcibly disfranchised, as they voluntarily disfranchised themselves, their rage against the abridgment of personal liberty could not have been peaceably restrained.

THE "debateable ground," comprising the county of Greer, claimed by Texas and by the United States as part of the Indian Territory, will soon have its legal status and geographical position defined by the courts. A taxpayer in the limits of the doubtful district brings suit to restrain the Texas officers from collecting his taxes until it is ascertained that they are legally entitled to do so. Ball & McCart, our Fort Worth firm of attorneys, are retained in the case.

CONSERVATIVE and sensible men deprecate the rash talk and the rash acts of the whites as much as they condemn the incendiary utterances of ignorant and excited negroes at Marshall and Longview. It has been shown that there was no cause for the alarm that has existed over the rumored insurrection of negroes, and the unwarrantable acts of certain firebrands among the whites is made the more culpable as the real trivial nature of the affair is exposed.

FROM Galveston to El Paso and from Texarkana to Brownsville the state is full of capitalists from the North and East and from beyond the seas, buying lands and investing in Texas property. Charters are filed at Austin every day for corporations of stock raisers or manufacturers, and foreign money is behind it all. No wonder the assessment lists show such a marvelous increase in wealth as is indicated by an excess of one hundred millions of dollars over last year's returns.

TRAVELERS are sharing the benefits of railway competition in the East, where a rate war is being fought by rival railroads for passenger traffic. Roads running from Chicago, Cincinnati and other principal points have cut rates to a mere nominal figure, and one of them, which believes in going "the whole hog," announces a rate from Chicago to Indianapolis for five cents, with a chromo thrown in. For the want of competing lines, we here in Texas can only look on and suck our thumbs while the Northern public gets free rides and chromos. It is debatable, though, if any permanent good results from these cuts. Combinations and pools are quickly formed, and rates must be put high enough to balance the losses sustained during the brief season of war.

FORT WORTH has an interest in the recent sale of the Denver & New Orleans railroad to a company who propose to complete the road as it was originally projected. This will carry it from Pueblo, Col., to Trinidad, on the A. T. & S. F. railroad, whence it will be built southeast to the Canadian river, where it is designed to secure a southern outlet by forming a junction with some road to be carried from this city. It is thought the Fort Worth & Denver will be this road, as it is now completed over a hundred miles in that direction, and its projected route up the valley of the Canadian river will enable it to easily and naturally connect with the Denver & New Orleans. The advantage to Fort Worth of such a northwestern feeder and outlet will be immense, and a glance at the map will at once show what a splendid country it will make tributary to the business of this town.

RECIPROCITY WITH MEXICO. A treaty of commercial reciprocity with Mexico is in contemplation by the federal government, which, it is believed, will prove acceptable to the government of that country, and be of great mutual benefit. Our consul general at Matamoros has submitted a report that presents in a favorable light the results to be expected from a more intimate relation with that country.

No state and no business center has more powerful interest than Texas in the conclusion of a treaty that will facilitate and advance inter-commercial relations with Mexico. The railroads connecting us directly with the interior of that country are just beginning to develop industries and resources that will extend and broaden our intercourse, and a reciprocal treaty allowing special favors to the industries of each country, abolishing duties and allowing free transit of goods from and into each, will practically make Texas and Mexico a unity so far as commercial lines are drawn. All internal traffic must pass through Texas, and railroads additional to those already built will be required to transport this trade. Our territory will be the field of these new roads, and aside from the incalculable advantage of the direct trade to be established, will be the equally great benefit to come to us from these railroads expanding local trade. Frequent intercourse between the two people will produce a friendlier feeling that will still further foster amity and good will, and broaden their views of one another.

The single item of sugar will serve to illustrate what may be expected if an intimate commercial union is established. Of the \$90,000,000 worth of sugar imported into the United States in 1882, Mexico furnished but \$102,000 worth. Free entry into the United States would bring all the Mexican sugar product to our markets, and in return our manufacturers would find there the best market for their surplus goods.

THE duties conceded by the United States, according to the consul general's report, amount to only \$180,000, while the Mexican concessions in the treaty amount to \$742,000, a difference in our favor of \$562,000.

DEMOCRATIC PROSPECTS. After the brilliant victories of last November, the prospect of Democratic success in the ensuing presidential campaign was felt to be assured. The prodigality of the Republican party had

alienated its best followers. One Republican congress had increased the public appropriations thirty millions of dollars. ROBERTSON'S and KEIFER'S undisputed leadership in congress had convinced them of the insincerity of any promise of reform from that party. Disgust seized them, and they allowed the elections of 1882 to go by default. Astute politicians did not, however, share the general feeling of Democratic confidence. They knew the proverbial capacity of the Democratic leaders for blundering, and that the heat of Republican resentment would cool in time. The position of the two parties before the people to-day confirms the accuracy of this judgment. If either has a better record than the other, it is because the other has beaten it in making mistakes, and this negative virtue is all it can claim of advantage.

The condition of the opposing parties in Ohio and New York is not encouraging to their friends elsewhere. Stalwarts and Featherheads war for the leaves and fishes among the Republicans of New York, and each would contribute to the success of the common enemy rather than yield a point of advantage to the other. TAMMANY and TILDEN strive and divide the Democrats so that the party that wins will owe its victory to the contentions of its foes. Ohio presents the same picture. The SCOTT liquor law offended the German Republicans, who declared for the Democratic candidates. But the Democrats could not accept so assured a victory, and the clamor for local offices in Cincinnati disrupted the party in that county. Two tickets were put in the field, and there is scarcely more harmony among them than with the enemy. If the German defection shall cost the Republicans more votes than the Democrats lose in Cincinnati, the Democrats will elect their men; if Democratic folly shall alienate more of their own adherents than their German auxiliaries will compensate for, the next state administration will be in the hands of the Republicans, and a Republican will fill Pendleton's seat in the United States senate.

The Democrats of Iowa have conducted their canvass with wisdom and vigor, and taking advantage of every salient point in the enemy's lines are hopeful of a victory, though the odds against them make success appear almost impossible. At the last state election, Sherman, Republican, received 133,323 votes for governor, Kiune, Democrat, 73,395, and 23,143 were cast for the Greenback ticket, showing a clear Republican majority of 21,872. Democrats base their claims of success on the division of the Republicans, among whom there is fatal dissension, especially among the foreign voters, over the attitude of that party in favor of prohibition. The Democrats also have the favor of the strong agricultural element in their unequivocal demands for a reduction of tariff monopoly. If the dissatisfied Republicans can sink their war prejudices out of sight and vote as they think, the result will undoubtedly be in favor of the Democrats. For the Democrats to lose Ohio and New York, without gaining Iowa, will practically determine the election of 1884 in favor of the Republicans. To gain either of those two states will place both parties in the field on an equal footing in the presidential campaign. To gain either or both of them, with Iowa, will give a reasonable assurance that the next president is to be a Democrat.

He Has It.
(Dallas Times.)
B. B. Paddock, editor of the Fort Worth GAZETTE, retires to-day, and W. L. Malone succeeds him. Pad. has done his share of futile puffing for the poor old town, and deserves a place in the Fort's pantheon of deities.

THE TEXAS PRESS. The Abilene Quill and the Reporter are having a discussion about grammar.

The Aid, heretofore published at Ennis, will probably be removed to Athens.

Mr. W. D. Shaw, late of the Gatesville Advertiser is now connected with the Hamilton Herald.

The Waco Examiner seems to have cut off its special telegram as they were perhaps too expensive.

The Cisco weekly Telegraph, a lively seven-column paper, edited by Mr. J. T. Walker, is a new candidate for popularity.

The Houston Age has seen a copy of the Houston Morning Star of September 1839, the first daily published in Texas.

The Middlethian News is a handsome seven-column paper, and reflects credit upon the ability and enterprise of its publishers.

The Nelson county Record had rather fight than retreat. "What is writ is writ," and the editor says he never "goes back" on an article after it is published.

An Eastern Texas paper edited by a preacher, gives full reports of profane and quarterly meetings, and admits advertisements of whisky shops at regular rates.

In the recent fire at Terrell the Sunny Gate printing office was totally destroyed. The publishers of this paper are deaf and dumb ladies, and are trying to raise a sufficient amount of money to again engage in business.

The second annual edition of the Abilene Reporter is one of the most

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TEXAS STATE NEWS.

Fort Stockton is going to have a \$35,000 court-house and a \$10,000 jail.

Miss Dixie Crook's concert at Sherman last week was a brilliant success.

The prairie fires near Russell were very destructive, and the range south of town was nearly destroyed.

The municipal election at Abilene last week resulted in a solid victory in favor of free schools.

Rolla Ryan is amusing the people of Lampasas and neighboring towns with his eccentricities and comicalities. Rolla is a trumper.

The Honey Grove Independent irreverently says "the negroes are raising h--- at their religious worship in the east part of the city."

The Grayson county bee keepers' association will meet in Sherman on the 13th of October. Prizes are to be awarded to the finest Italian queens.

A negro who was down in well near Corsicana heard the so-called earthquake reports last month, and begged to be handed up in double quick time.

Van Alstyne is rejoicing in its first mayor, alderman and city marshal. There was not much of a scramble for the places, as salaries are very slender for the present.

An incendiary burned over 12,000 posts and 20,000 pounds of wire belonging to Mr. L. J. Harris, and intended for a fence around his pasture on the Colorado.

At Abilene last week little Ethel Anderson was badly hurt by a horse catching her by the arm and biting her severely, and then dashing her some ten feet against the ground.

Mr. Harrison Robinson, of Collin county, will send a sample bale of the Ozier cotton to the St. Louis fair to compete for the \$1,000 premium. The lot is said to be as fine as silk, and the staple an inch and a quarter long.

The Cisco Telegraph says it is rumored that the Houston & Texas Central railroad company will build a branch road from there to Crystal Falls, in Stephens county, for the purpose of opening the coal mines at that place.

A negro woman bought a first-class ticket from Sherman to Denison, and tried to go into the ladies car, but the conductor was equal to the occasion and gave her to understand she could not force her way into a place where she was not wanted.

A little girl in Abilene died last week from eating poisoned fish caught in the creek there, and another is very sick. It is supposed that the fish found their way during the overflow of the creek into some of the places along the creek poisoned with sheep dip and there were poisoned.

Pearshall, twelve months ago, had only two stores, ten or fifteen dwellings, and about fifty inhabitants. It now boasts up with nine stores, two hotels, a newspaper and other city accessories, and a population of 800 people. It is now the county seat of Erio county.

A gentleman arrived in Waco recently with five hundred thousand dollars' worth of Texas lands, but becoming intimidated at the fence-cutting troubles prevalent in other sections he left in a big disgust, taking, of course, every dollar of his ample capital with him.

Last week W. J. McKie, Esq., had just finished enclosing a seven hundred acre pasture near Corsicana for winter purposes, when the grass caught fire by some means and entirely consumed it all. He has now a good wire fence around a bleak and barren pasture, which will be of no service to him until spring.

Fire Record.
New Haven, Conn., September 25.—Early this morning a fire, originating in a defective flue, burned the New Haven rolling mill at Fair Haven, causing a loss of about \$40,000, with \$25,000 insurance. About one hundred and twenty-five workmen are thrown out. The night gang lost much property.

Asheville, Ohio, September 25.—The small jail at this little town was burned yesterday, and one prisoner, name unknown, was burned to death. He was an umbrella mender and claimed to have come from the Dayton Soldiers' Home. He had considerable money, and it is thought he was murdered and the building burned to conceal the crime.

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